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• • • • • **Early Impact Virginia is pleased to present the 2023 Home Visiting Day of Learning.**

• • • • • This year's theme, Joy in Work, is a celebration of the deep passion and commitment that is Virginia home visiting! It is a testament to all of the incredible home visiting professionals who inspire us everyday with their creativity, selflessness, and compassion for others.

• • • • • Today, is about taking care of you! Honoring you! And, most of all, reminding you of just how very important you are! Thank you for all that you do! ❤️

Keynote Speakers



Julie M. Ribaldo, LMSW, ACSW, IMH-E
Being Therapeutic with Families When You Aren't a Therapist

Julie Ribaldo is a Clinical Professor of Social Work at the University of Michigan. Before joining U-M in 2006, her career focused on parent-infant relational health; she practiced in a wide range of community-based programs, including community mental health, education and child welfare. In addition to her teaching, Ribaldo is a reflective supervisor/consultant for individuals and groups who provide services to parents and their young children. She is involved in research as a faculty member of Zero to Thrive, through the Department of Psychiatry at U-M. She is also a doctoral student at Wayne State University.



Jim Harris, MSW, Ed.D.
Supporting Families in a Complicated World: State, Story, & Strategies

Jim is the owner of Opportunities Consulting Services and the Associate Director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall University. He has had several roles in the health and human services field throughout his career as an early interventionist, parent educator, educational consultant, university professor, and behavioral health therapist. Dr. Harris has presented on topics such as behavioral intervention, parenting, positive behavior support, trauma-informed care, organizational change, and more.



Amanda Lynch, MA, CTP-E
Self Care, Mindfulness and Mindfulness-Based Trauma Informed Practices

Amanda Lynch is a writer and career educator specializing in Self-Care, Mindfulness, Mindfulness-Based Trauma Informed Practices, and Restorative Justice. For nearly twenty years, she worked as an educator throughout the Richmond Metro area. She loves introducing communities of color to meditation, yoga and sound healing therapy. She is licensed teacher, Certified Trauma Practitioner, Certified Advanced Peacemaking Circles facilitator, Koru Mindfulness Teacher-In-Training and ACE Interface Master Trainer. She is the owner of Rethinking Resiliency LLC.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Danny Avula

Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services

Dr. Danny Avula is the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services. He spent 2021 leading Virginia's unprecedented COVID-19 vaccination effort, helping Virginia become one of the top ten most vaccinated states in the country. Prior to that, he served as the Director of the Richmond City and Henrico County Health Departments.

Dr. Avula is a public health physician specializing in pediatrics and preventive medicine, and continues to practice clinically as a Pediatric Hospitalist. He is an Affiliate Faculty member at VCU, where he regularly serves as an advisor and preceptor to graduate and medical students.



Ebony Glover-Epps

Counselor & Professional Development Trainer

Ebony has worked in the human services field since 2005. She has served in different capacities, including Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology, a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and several certificates. As a survivor of complex intimate partner violence and intense involvement with the child welfare system, Ebony structures her therapy with empathy and support. Visit her website at www.sisterwellnessva.com. She has been a valued member of the EIV training team since 2017.

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“As a pediatrician, honestly, I wish more of my families had home visitation. The ones that do really love it.”

“When parents tell me they have home visiting I feel a sigh of relief because I know someone is in the home checking on things and supporting the whole family, and I especially love it when home visiting staff contact me so we can discuss any issues or concerns that arise with a specific family.”

Dr. Bergen Nelson
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